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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
PREVENTING OXIDATIVE DEGRADATION  
OF PROTEINS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2006 (Paper No. 20061014), which issued in the above-referenced patent application. A Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114 is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.